APPROVED

White River School District

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday February 11, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location
District Board/Conference Room
310 River Avenue North, Buckley, WA 98321

Directors Present
Cassie Pearson, Denise Vogel, James Johnson, Karen Bunker

Directors Absent
Matt Scheer

Guests Present
Maiden Greene, Scott Harrison

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Denise Vogel called a meeting of the board of directors of White River School District to order on Wednesday Feb 11, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

B.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

C. Record Attendance/Roll Call

Under Roll Call, Director Scheer was absent: all other directors were present.

D. Approve Agenda

Cassie Pearson made a motion to approve the Agenda.
Karen Bunker seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Karen Bunker made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting on 01-14-26.
Cassie Pearson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Approve the minutes from the January 28, 2026 Board Study Session

Karen Bunker made a motion to approve the minutes from Study Session Meeting on 01-28-26.
Cassie Pearson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Announcements and Recognition

A. Board and Superintendent Highlights

Superintendent Harrison shared that there was a lot to highlight. First off, the Capital and EP&O levies are passing and results are to be certified on February 20th. Participation was low, but we are grateful to those who voted. Girls' Flag Football is competing in the state, which is great, as this is their inaugural year. Boys & Girls Basketball are in districts this weekend, and the Mat Classics for wrestling are the following weekend. We have a production of Anastasia coming up. A mid-year review with all the schools is occurring tomorrow. President Vogel shared that she loves seeing so many kids out there participating. Last night she attended the District-Wide Choir concert, and it was wonderful. So many great performances and so many kids at the event. The house was packed.

B. No School-February 13 & February 16, 2026, for President's Day Break

C. Next Study Session Meeting February 25, 2026, 5:30 p.m. at DDC Board Conference Room

D. Next Regular Meeting March 11, 2026, 5:30 p.m. at DDC Board Conference Room

E. Board and Superintendent's Star Award Presentations

Board and Superintendents' Star Award Presentation- Students were honored as follows: Wilkeson- Kylie Lynch; Glacier Middle-Javier Owensby; Mountain Meadow- Jonathan Leighton; White River High- Preslee Preston; Foothills- Vivienne Bautista; Early Learning Center- Rion Aperila; Elk Ridge- Landon Delcruz.

III. Highlight

A. Glacier Middle School Leadership Report

Glacier Middle School Leadership students, presented information on activities that have been occurring- Season 3 sports, the Writers Club January meeting, the Avid Food Drive and the themes for Kindness week next week. They shared Spirit Committee work, Social Committee work, the MLK Assembly, the upcoming March Spirit Assembly, Student Management work and Service Committee work.

B. WRHS ASB Activities Report

White River High School leadership students presented information about activities that have been occurring-the MLK Assembly, a FFA club update, Unified Swarm, the Stand games, and Powerlifting. They gave a sports update, shared that CTE went to the middle school, and they had a Coin Drive and Shirt sale. Themes for Kindness Week were shared, and they were doing a Staff Bingo to include staff in Kindness Week. They also shared information on Classes around campus, the district-wide Choir, and a Culinary 3 class. Information on upcoming events was given.

C. CTE Update

Career and Technical Education Director Cheryl Ohlde gave an update on CTE. She shared the current programs we have: PE/IRC Certification growth and first-semester success & celebrations. She then turned the presentation to Glacier Middle School.

Teachers Ms. Clark and Ms. Orlopp shared what Glacier Middle School students in the Game Design Class and Robotics Club have been working on. Game Design class students shared their Cardboard Arcade project, featuring fun games designed by students that tied in Social Emotional Learning. Students from the Robotics Club shared their Archaeology-themed Robot Game and Innovation Project for the Lego League competition that features a Diorama and a robot. Ms. Orlopp, who was nominated by the Robotics team and was awarded the Coach/Mentor award at the competition.

Cheryl then shared what they are looking to the future for CTE: continual growth and expansion of programs, increased CTSO participation, expanded community events, and more internships & Apprenticeships for students. Some upcoming events include Trades Night, CTE Advisory, and Spring Fling.

IV. Public Comment

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There was no public comment.

V. Break

A. Break

President Vogel called for a 5 minute break.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Actual Vouchers Issued January, 2026

B. Approve Payroll Issued January 30, 2026

C. Approve Personnel Report

D. Approve Items for Surplus

E. Approve Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Bates Technical College Educational Services 2026-2027

F. Vote on Consent Agenda Items

James Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items.
Cassie Pearson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VII. Business Services

A. Financial Report for December, 2025

Under Business Services, Donna Morey provided the information for the monthly financial report in the board members' agenda packets. There were no questions. Items of note were:

GENERAL FUND
Fiscal year-to-date revenues and expenditures are both tracking near 31%-32% of the annual budget which is consistent with historical seasonal norms for December.

Local child nutrition program revenue remains modestly below last year, consistent with universal feeding impacts.

Salary and benefit costs continue to rise year-over-year, but remain aligned with budget assumptions.

CAPITAL PROJECTS
Revenue in December consisted of property taxes, investment earnings, impact fees, and proceeds from the tree farm harvest.

Similarly, expenditures were for small projects, and the costs related to the tree farm harvest.

DEBT SERVICE FUND
In December, interest and principal payments were made on the 2016 Bond and 2022 LGO.

TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUND
There was no significant activity in the Transportation Vehicle Fund in December.

VIII. Action and Reports

A. Approve overnight travel for the WRHS FFA Horse Evaluation Team members to compete in the state level contest in Ellensburg, WA May 4-5, 2026.

James Johnson made a motion to approve overnight travel for the WRHS FFA Horse Evaluation Team members to compete in the state level contest in Ellensburg, WA May 4-5, 2026.
Karen Bunker seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approve Overnight Travel for FFA students to attend the Washington State FFA Convention on May 13-17, 2026, in Pullman, WA.

Cassie Pearson made a motion to approve Overnight Travel for FFA students to attend the Washington State FFA Convention on May 13-17, 2026, in Pullman, WA.
Karen Bunker seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Approve Out of State Travel for Amanda Vogel and Veronica Green to attend the Print Shop Pro User Group Meeting in San Diego, CA, March 22-25, 2026.

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Cassie Pearson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D.

Approve Overnight Travel for FFA students to attend the Washington State FFA Ag Technology and Mechanics Career Development Event in Yakima, WA, March 25-26, 2026.

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Cassie Pearson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. First Reading of the following Course Proposals

Assessment and Learning Director Amy Low shared an overview of the new courses being presented for first reading. She shared who was in attendance for the January meeting of the Instructional Materials Committee and that there were three courses for the 2026-2027 school year- one at White River High and 2 at Glacier Middle.

Principal of White River High School Cody Mothershead then came up to present information on the A.P. Physics 1 course, an algebra-based, introductory college-level physics course equivalent to the first course in an introductory college sequence. Students will build their understanding of physics through physical models as they explore and solve problems through inquiry-based investigations. Students should have completed geometry and be concurrently taking Algebra II.

Michael Joshua, Assistant Principal from Glacier Middle School, presented information on the two course proposals for Middle School. The first course was for Yearbook, a year-long course designed for students to collaborate in the creation of the Glacier Middle School yearbook. Students will gain hands-on experience in various aspects of yearbook production, including photography, layout design, writing, and editing. The course emphasizes teamwork, creative expression, and professional skills. The second course was for Advanced Percussion, which requires 1 year of previous training in Beginning Percussion. In this course, students will refine and advance skills on core, mallet, and auxiliary percussion instruments. All advanced percussion students perform at least 4 formal concerts during the year. This is a year-long course.

The course proposals will go up for second reading and approval at the next regular board meeting.

IX. Closing Items

A. Board/Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Harrison gave a shout to Cheryl Ohlde and her work in the CTE Department and how much it has grown in the years. Director Scheer shared that CTE is doing a good job and anything we can do to help kids find their interests is great.

B.

Adjourn Meeting

It was moved by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Scheer to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maiden Greene